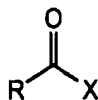


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended)      A method of ~~attenuating the effects of age-associated cognitive impairment~~ treating Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) in a mammal, comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the formula:



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to said mammal, wherein:

X is -OH, -O-alkali metal, -NH<sub>2</sub>, or -SH; and

R is -CH[(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.

45-52. (canceled)

53. (previously presented)      The method of claim 44, wherein said mammal is human.

54-62. (canceled).